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Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy Joint Oversight Board Meeting Summary

December 8, 2011 2-4 p.m.

Auburn City Hall – Council Chambers
25 W. Main Street, Auburn WA 98001

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Brasch at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Members Present: Kathy Brasch (Co-Chair), Kathleen Hadaller, Loran Lichty (Co-Chair), Kate Slaminko

RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent: Dorry Elias-Garcia, Don Moreland, Edith Nelson, David Ramsay

Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present: Stan Gunno, Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople (Chair), Kathy Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Bill Wood

VCLOB Members Excused/Absent: Cynthia Lefever, Roger Welles

King County Staff Present: Joel Estey, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Debora Gay, (DCHS); Sherry Hamilton, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Jackie MacLean, DCHS; Anna Markee, DCHS; Alan Painter, King County Executive Office

Guests: Mayor Pete Lewis, City of Auburn; Mary Bond, Sheila Sebron, Carol Stipling

Celebration of Levy Achievements

Welcome – Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis

Mayor Pete Lewis welcomed the Levy boards to Auburn. He thanked them for their hard work implementing the first Levy and renewing the second Levy. He shared the history of the initial Veterans and Human Services (VHS) Levy with the group and expressed his excitement and satisfaction that the 2012-2017 Levy passed with such a large margin.

Levy Achievements – Jackie MacLean

Jackie stated that we owe a great deal to Mayors Lewis and former Enumclaw Mayor John Wise for their leadership in getting the first Levy on the ballot. She also thanked Mayor Lewis for his continued work with the Association of Suburban Cities and the Regional Policy Committee of the King County Council.

In addition, Jackie thanked the board members for their work in implementing the Veterans and Human Services Levy and assisting in the renewal of the new Levy. A few highlights:

- Since 2007 when the boards first began to meet, board members donated over 2,150 hours of their time to implement the Levy, reviewing procurement plans, serving on review panels for RFP processes, monitoring the performance of Levy activities and participating in presentations to a variety of organizations and city governments to educate them about the work of the Levy.
- In 2011 members participated in planning the next Levy, recommending the structure of the new levy and that County Council place the Levy on the ballot for renewal.
- Board chairs served on the Department's Levy Planning Committee assisting in developing the Service Improvement Plan that will guide the implementation of the next Levy.

Jackie stated, "We are indebted to you for your creativity, advocacy on behalf of veterans and others in need in our communities, in addition to the passion that you have brought to your work on the levy oversight boards. On behalf of Executive Dow Constantine, I would like to congratulate you on a job well done."

Jackie also thanked Levy staff for their support of the boards and their work developing numerous reports for the King County Council on the Levy. She also thanked Levy management staff and the Evaluation and Fiscal units for their hard work over the years. We are expecting that by the end of 2011 over 100,000 people will be served.

Levy Achievements – Alan Painter

Alan thanked everyone for their contribution to making the Levy a continued success. It took collaboration with the suburban cities associations, communication with peers, with cities and with our clients; and finally, compassion for the people who are returning from war and our local citizens to make it happen. Thank you.

Jackie and Alan distributed to each board member a letter of thanks signed by the King County Executive.

Business Meeting

Review of Joint Meeting Summary

The draft September 29, 2011 Joint Board meeting summary was approved with changes.

Chairs Report –Co-chair Kathy Brasch (RHSLOB)

Since the joint board last met, the Levy Board members wrote a letter of support for the new Service Improvement Plan (SIP). In the letter, the RHSLOB expressed its interest in supporting

the basic infrastructure of human services and support for inclusion of funds to help support the 211 Community Information Line. The RHSLOB also voiced support for ensuring that homeless young adults, including those aging out of foster care, be an eligible population for housing funds. The new SIP specifically includes homeless young adults as potential recipients of levy funded housing capital and services.

At the October RHSLOB meeting, board members heard from Kathleen Southwick, Executive Director of the Crisis Clinic that oversees the 211 Community Information Line. Kathleen presented information on their program that will receive funding in 2012 and shared pertinent regional information on the usage of the service. The board also heard from Gloria Albetta, with Public Health who presented a procurement plan for the Communities Count project.

Housing Openings

- Human Services Levy helped fund Family Village at Issaquah Highlands that opened on October 25, 2011 adding 97 new units of housing. The Levy provided just under \$315,000 to this project.
- The Imagine Housing's Francis Village plans to open in January 2012. This project received a total of \$900K in funding from the Levy and will add 61 homes in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland.

Board Update

- Currently there are four openings for board membership - Districts 4 (Phillips), 7 (von Reichbauer), 8 (McDermott), and an Executive appointment. If you know of good candidates, encourage them to call Marcy or point them to the website.

Chairs Report – Chair Douglas Hoople (VCLOB)

At the September 29 Joint Oversight Board meeting board members toured the Bakhita Gardens housing facility which included the Rose of Lima and Noel Houses. These are women-only congregate housing programs and the first of their kind in King County. They serve chronically homeless women with 50 single room occupancy units, 20 semi-private permanent and 20 time-limited carrels. A total of \$1.1 million of VHS Levy dollars helped support the development of this facility.

As mentioned above, the Levy Board members wrote a letter of support for the 2012 Service Improvement Plan. Oversight Board Chairs, Douglas Hoople and Loran Lichty, presented the letter of support to the King County Regional Policy Committee on October 12, 2011 and later that month to the Council Committee of the Whole. In the letter the VCLOB stressed the importance of serving not just veterans but also their families. The VCLOB is pleased that the 2012-2017 SIP includes a new activity 1.6.B Military Family Counseling. The King County Executive transmitted the Service Improvement Plan (SIP) to the King County Council and earlier this week, the County Council approved Ordinance 17236 adopting the 2012-2017 SIP and allocation plan.

Board Meetings

- To prepare for the implementation of Veterans Justice activities in 2012, the VCLOB heard from David Green, program manager with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), Levy-funded Veterans Incarcerated Program at their October meeting. David provided an overview of the current program and a history on the existing veterans' courts.

Board Update

- Currently there are three openings for board membership - Districts 4 (Phillips), 6 (Hague), and 8 (McDermott). If you know of good candidates, encourage them to call Marcy if they have questions or point them to the Levy website.

Procurement Plan/Activity Review

211-Community Information Line (RHSLOB only)

Marcy Kubbs reviewed the 211 Community Information Line procurement plan that was discussed at the October RHSLOB meeting. The Procurement Plan has been posted for public comment and receiving none, is now ready for the board's final review.

The board expressed its continued concern over the time it takes the 211 Information Line to answer calls, but understands that funding challenges make this difficult for them to improve at this time. The RHSLOB recommended that 211 receive Levy funding.

Update: Activity 1.5 C Emerging Programs for Justice-involved Veterans

Debora Gay gave a brief update on new programs emerging in Activity 1.5C. Emerging Programs for Justice-involved Veterans. Veterans Treatment Courts are being developed within King County Superior and Districts courts. Veteran Courts use a team approach with an emphasis on connecting veteran court clients with treatment rather than punishing them with more jail time (although jail is used as a graduated sanction when appropriate). In January 2012, Andrea LaFazia with Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services (MHCADSD) will brief the Boards on plans for Activity 1.5 C Emerging programs for justice-involved veterans including implementation of a King County veteran's court. The VIP program is also involved by assisting in screening veterans to determine their service needs and if the veterans' court involvement is appropriate.

Levy Update – Anna Markee

The 2012-2017 SIP was approved by County Council on December 5, 2011. Staff will begin implementing the new SIP.

Staff Report – Marcy Kubbs

- Marcy reported that Levy staff is in the midst of negotiating contracts and MOA's.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- The board members thanked Levy staff for their work and support.
- Kathy Brash represented the RHSLOB on the Housing RFP review panel. Awards are to be announced later in December.
- Kathy Hadaller is pleased to be able to report to the South Regional Human Resources Group that the 211 Community Information Line will receive some Levy funding.
- It was suggested that to reach new veterans coming home, programs need to get involved in social networking/social media.

- Kathy Lewis thanked everyone for coming to Auburn and especially thanked Doug Hoople, Stan Gunno and Roger Welles for participating in the Auburn Veterans Day parade.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

- Jon Hoskins, Performance and Evaluation Unit Manager, has been working on the evaluation templates and evaluation plan for the new Levy.
- Sheila Sebron, with the Veteran Community Network, commented on the Urban League's recent audit.
- The November Food Drive at New Life Church in Renton donated 24,000 lbs. of food to the Renton Food Bank.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.